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In re Application of  
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Serial No. 08/300,484  
Filed: 09/02/94  
Title: Enzyme Catalyzed Template-Independent  
Creation Of Phosphodiester Bonds Using  
Protected Nucleotides

: Rescinding Abandonment

In response to the request for withdrawal the holding of abandonment filed August 8, 1997.

The response filed June 25, 1997 was not associated with the file of this application until after the Notice of Abandonment was mailed.

The response was timely filed. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is vacated, and the application is restored to pending status, to receive further consideration by the examiner in the normal course of business.

The error is regretted.

Any inquiries concerning this letter should be addressed to Margaret Stevens on 703-305-3608.

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